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Re: End Funding for Iraq War

To Whom It May Concern:

I submit this complaint to the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1), regarding a letter sent to me by "End Funding for the Iraq War," Box 19105, Boulder, CO 80308, dated September 27, 2007, asking recipients to "call and write to Mr. Udall to ask him to vote against the next supplemental appropriation for the Iraq war." A copy of the letter is enclosed.

Richard Andrews, a signatory to the letter, informed me in a follow up telephone call that the organization had sent this letter because it learned, via the FEC website, that I had contributed to the Udall for Colorado campaign.

As you know, the Federal Election Campaign Act places limits on the use of data derived from FEC reports. The Act provides that:

any information copied from such reports or statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

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2 U.S.C. § 438(a)(4). As I understand it, this prohibition is read very broadly by the FEC to prohibit such solicitations and communications by nonprofit entities.

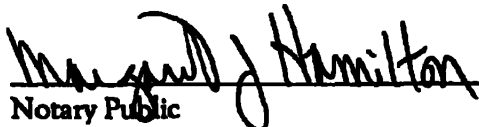
I request that you investigate, to prevent further violations of federal election law.

Sincerely,

By: 
Christine Gardner Gould

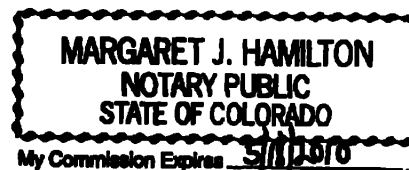
Denver, Colorado 80207

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 8th day of November, 2007.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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Enclosures

cc: End Funding for the Iraq War
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Boulder, CO 80308

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End Funding for the Iraq War
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September 27, 2007

Dear Mark Udall Supporter:

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Representative Mark Udall, despite his courageous initial vote against the authorization to use force against Iraq in 2002, has since voted for every military supplemental appropriation to fund that very war he says he opposes, totaling nearly \$500 billion in supplemental war budgets. Just last June 2007, he voted for an additional supplemental war appropriation of approximately \$100 billion. In September or October 2007, Congress is slated to act on another supplemental war appropriation requested by President Bush of approximately \$192 billion for FY 2008, bringing the total to around \$650 to \$700 billion in direct costs. But the GAO issued a report in early August that states that the actual cost of the war against Iraq has so far cost about \$1 trillion, not including these additional FY2008 amounts. And the cost in lives and broken minds and bodies continues to grow, both U.S. troops and contractors, and Iraqi lives. The cost to the contaminated environment of Iraq is not even quantifiable, but looms large and very long lasting from indiscriminate weapons. And nearly 15% of the Iraqi population, more than 3 to 4 million people have fled the country or are internally displaced, living without homes or as refugees.

Mr. Udall says he must support the troops, but continues to vote for the funding of the war, simply an irreconcilable contradiction. We believe that supporting the troops would best be accomplished by bringing all the troops home, giving these veterans the care they deserve, and also bringing home all of the hired war contractors, which may actually outnumber the military.

Last year at the Colorado Democratic convention in Greeley the state party adopted a platform statement about the Iraq war that called for bringing the troops home by December 2006. That was the number one ranked issue by the Democrat delegates to the convention. The election of November 2006 brought a reversal of control of the U.S. Congress, driven by Coloradans and the American populace wanting an end to the Iraq war. But what has that Democrat controlled Congress done? The bloodshed goes on and Congress consents to every demand from the White House. Congress, including Mr. Udall, must keep faith with the people by ending the funding for the war, their most powerful tool. To deny funding is a veto proof strategy that must be employed.

We appeal to you as a Democrat supporter of Mark Udall and ask you to urgently call and write to Mr. Mark Udall to ask him to vote against the next supplemental appropriation for the Iraq war, and to insist that an orderly and safe withdrawal from Iraq begin immediately. That is the mandate of the people of the U.S. and of the Colorado Democratic Party. It's far overdue that our representatives and senators honor the will of the people and vote to deny funds for this ill conceived, illegal war.

Sincerely seeking an end to war,

Richard Andrews
Steven M. Pisarski
Dave Anderson
Evi Klett

Jim Morris Joanne Cowan Kenneth Nova Wendy Rochman
Kim L. Cohen Ken C. Bonetti Walter H. Smith Donna Bonetti
Judith L. Moore Dottie Rawsky James Zarichny Stephen Wangh

Contact Information for sending your message to Mark Udall:

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CHRISTINE GARDNER GOULD

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Richard Andrews
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Boulder, CO 80308

Mr. Andrews:

I write in response to the letter you sent to me as a "Mark Udall Supporter," dated September 27, 2007, asking recipients to "call and write to Mr. Udall to ask him to vote against the next supplemental appropriation for the Iraq war." Shortly after receiving this letter, I phoned you and you informed me that you pulled my name and that of the other recipients from the Federal Election Commission's ("FEC") website's list of candidates who have made donations to Mark Udall's campaigns.

I have since learned, and wanted to inform you as you may not know, that the Federal Election Campaign Act places strict limits on the use of data derived from FEC reports. I am of the belief that you and your organization violated federal law and therefore, must immediately cease data mining of FEC reports.

Please note that I have sent a letter of complaint to the FEC.

Sincerely,



Christine Gardner Gould

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